

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
200 West Anderson Lane - Austin, Texas 78752  
Called by grace, led by faith, welcoming all to share God's love.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 24, 2025

✝ You are invited to make the sign of the cross

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**PRELUDE** Patience Jones  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Deacon Bill Krejci Presiding  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BLESSING OF HOMEBOUND & COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS**  
**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(responses in bold type)*  
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of  
your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your  
forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We**  
**have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we**  
**have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved**  
**you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as**  
**ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your**  
**will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Morning Has Broken* + ELW 556  
**GREETING**  
**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Now the Feast and Celebration* + ELW 167  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures  
surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand  
upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we  
suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 58:9b-14*  
...Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 103:1-8**  
<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, <sup>1</sup> O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Bless the Lord, <sup>1</sup> O my soul,**  
**and forget not <sup>1</sup> all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives <sup>1</sup> all your sins  
and heals all <sup>1</sup> your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life <sup>1</sup> from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires <sup>1</sup> with good things  
so that your youth is renewed <sup>1</sup> like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> **O Lord, you provide <sup>1</sup> vindication**  
**and justice for all who <sup>1</sup> are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your <sup>1</sup> ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- <sup>1</sup> dren of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> **Lord, you are full of compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING** *Hebrews 12:18-29*  
...Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.** *(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* + ELW 172  
*(Please be seated)*

**GOSPEL** *Luke 13:10-17*  
The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glorify to you, O Lord...**  
...The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S STORY**  
**SERMON** *(Please stand following)*  
**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* + ELW 610  
**APOSTLES' CREED** ELW page 105 *(on insert)*  
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
...God of grace, **hear our prayer...**  
...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in  
you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE** *(Please be seated following)*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**GATHERING OF OFFERING** *Special Music* + Dylan Graves  
**OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* + ELW 182  
**OFFERING PRAYER**  
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love  
endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit  
from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the  
world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
*(Please stand)*  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...** It is indeed right...  
...and join their unending hymn *(Holy, Holy, Holy + ELW 192)*  
...Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom**  
**come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day**  
**our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but**  
**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and**  
**the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(Please be seated following)*  
**SONGS DURING COMMUNION**  
*Lamb of God* + ELW 195  
*Oh, Happy Day when We Shall Stand* + ELW 441  
*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* + ELW 864

**TABLE BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to  
serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the  
hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**  
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**  
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and  
forever. **Amen.** *(Please stand for the sending song)*  
**SENDING SONG** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* + ELW 886  
**DISMISSAL**  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
**POSTLUDE** Patience Jones



FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
  
<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

PSALM 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.  
<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

God’s Verbs


Through the lens of the gospel, today’s texts offer a clear identification of God’s work. What is God doing? God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity. God is lifting up the oppressed. God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted. God raises up foundations. God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free. God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we’ve ever heard, or that we could ever speak. Like yeast that’s included in bread dough or the seed of a particularly stubborn weed sown in the garden (Luke 13:18-21), when God speaks, there’s no going back. The bread will be leavened; the garden will have a mustard bush; and precious daughters and sons of Abraham will be set free. It is God’s work and God’s activity that Isaiah calls us to be about. Why is the prophet so confident that light will conquer darkness and needs will be satisfied? Because this is already God’s work, or as the prophet says, because “the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

These texts focus us on the verbs, the actions, of God. When we’re attuned to the verbs of God within passages like these, it might make it easier to see and give witness to God’s work and the verbs around us right now.



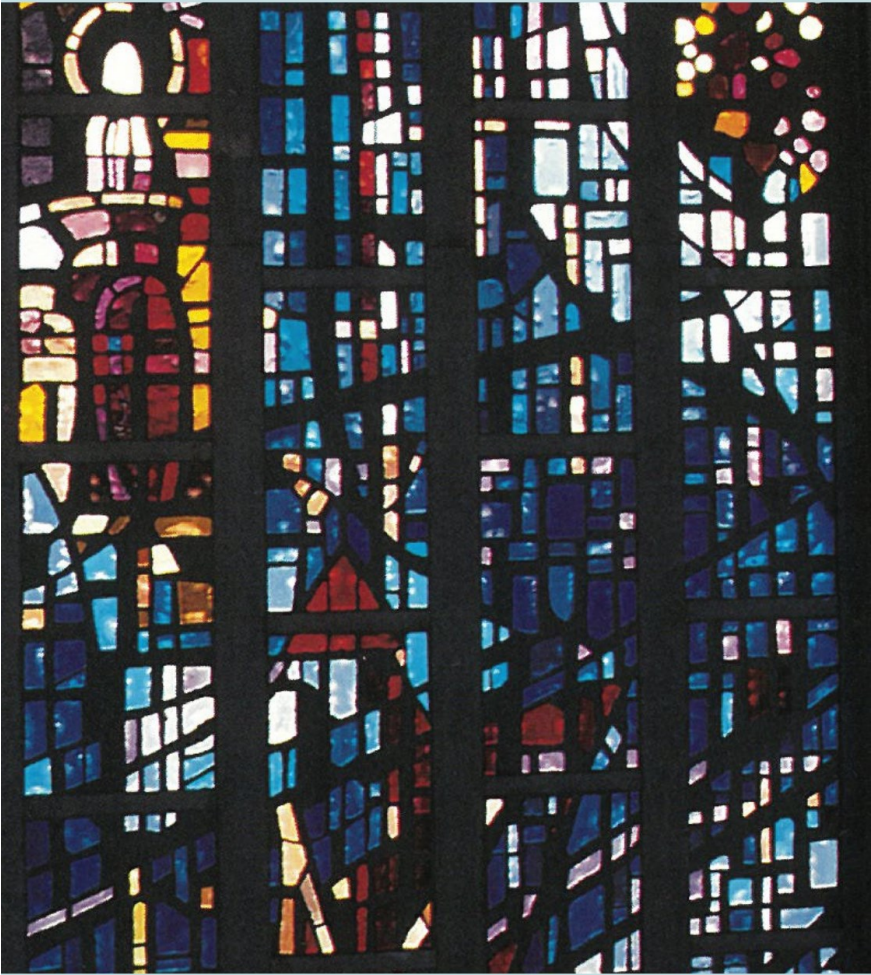
GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.  
<sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.



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